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Milan, May 5. N. S.

WE have receiv'd Letters from Spain, importing, that the Duke of Anjou's Army wou'd not be in a condition to take the Field, or enter upon any thing of moment till the middle, or towards the end of this Month. The Enemy still threaten to lay Siege to Tarragona; but it doth not yet appear, that they are making any effectual Dispositions for so considerable an Undertaking. The Spanish Army suffers very much through Desertion and Sickness; at the same time that the Marquis de Bay continues to press very earnestly for further Reinforcements, to enable him to make head against the Portuguese. Tho' our last Advices assur'd us, the Dutchess of Anjou was in a fair way of Recovery, it is now said that that Princess continues in a very ill State of Health. It has been reported here, that the Count de Lichtenstein, and the Condes de Palma and Corfa, are in Competition for the Government of Naples, notwithstanding which it is thought Count Borromeo, the present Viceroy, will be continu'd in his Dignity; and this is the more firmly believ'd since the Departure of his Lady for that Kingdom. The French are fitting out several Ships both at Toulon, and other Ports, but on what Design is not known. They continue to interrupt the Trade in these Parts, by taking Neutral Ships on several ill grounded Pretensions. Their Emisaries are still very industrious in the Kingdom of Naples, notwithstanding the great Care and Vigilancy of the Viceroy, who has hitherto disappointed them. Baron Urbich, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Czar of Muscovy to the State of Venice, continues there; but it is said he is not yet encouraged much to hope that he shall succeed in his Negotiation. The Chevalier Palavicini being lately Dead at Cagliari in Sardinia after a short Sickness, the Man of War under his Command is sail'd from thence in Company with that Commanded by Captain Prasca, being appointed as Convoy to some Transports bound to Barcelona, that had been forced into Cagliari by stress of Weather in their Passage from Naples.

From the Camp at Warde, May 14. N. S. On Monday the 11th Instant a Detachment of three hundred Foot, with four hundred Horse to cover them, was ordered to cut a Dyke the Enemy had made near Arleux, the place where the Water of the Senet enters into the Canal of Douay, by which means they laid a considerable part of the Country under Water, and depriv'd us of what was necessary, as well about Douay, as for our Navigation of the Scarpe. The Enemy have a Post at Arleux, by which they keep a Communication with this side of the Senet; but did not think fit to make any other Opposition to our Men, than the fire of three Pieces of Cannon, which they continued above two hours together, without doing us any manner of Damage. Our Men having effected their Work, and turned the Water to its ancient Course, came back in the Evening to their Regiments. Twenty Squadrons and six Battalions are order'd to encamp between Mortagne and St. Amand, in order to clear the River of the Boats that were lately sunk there when the Enemy burnt part of our Forage, and to bring forward the rest of that Convoy. The Prince of Savoy arriv'd the 12th at Tournay, and will be here on Saturday.

From the Camp at Warde, May 18. N. S. On Friday the 15th Instant his Grace the Duke of

Marlborough went to Pont a Marque by appointment with the Prince of Savoy, who came thither from Tournay. There was a Dinner provided by the Prince of Holstein-Beck, Governor of Lille, and after some Hours Conference his Grace return'd to the Camp, and Prince Eugene having not his Equipage in the Field, went back to Tournay, from whence he intends to come and join the Army to Morrow, when his Equipage is expected. Last Week Lieutenant-General Kanitz, who Commands the Saxon Troops in the Pay of the Queen and the States General, came to acquaint his Grace, that he had receiv'd Orders to March Home with his Troops; his Grace told him this was what he could not give his Consent to, before he knew the Pleasure of Her Majesty and the States; but we have since an account from the King of Poland's Minister at the Hague, that his Master does not insist upon the recalling his Troops, and that we need be under no apprehension of losing them this Campaign. A great Convoy of Ammunition and Warlike Stores from Ghent, arriv'd the 16th at Pont Rouge upon the Lys, and is since gone forward to be distributed at Bethune, St. Venant and Aire. The Passage of the Scarpe between Mortagne and St. Amand is clear'd again, and the Convoy of Forage and Provisions comes up to Douay as before the late Accident.

Hague, May 15. N. S. Our last Advices from Paris say, that the Forces that were intended to be detach'd from Dauphiné have been Countermanded, as likewise that the Troops design'd to be drawn out of the Duke de Noailles's Army in Spain, have receiv'd Orders to continue there. This confirms the Advices we have receiv'd from Barcelona, that the French are apprehensive of the Superiority of his Catholick Majesty's Forces in Catalonia. Our Letters from thence tell us, that there is a great Desertion and Sickness in the Army of the Enemy; and that the late Reinforcements, together with those that are daily expected out of Italy, will enable the King of Spain not only to be on the Defensive, but to undertake some considerable Siege. Yesterday his Excellency my Lord Raby and Count Zinzendorf were in Conference with the Deputies of the States; after which they had another with the Pensionary on the Affairs of the North. The Saxon Ministers have lately appear'd very much inclin'd to recall their Troops; but upon the Result of those Conferences, and the March of the Contingents for the Neutrality, they have declar'd themselves entirely satisfied, so that nothing further is to be apprehended from that matter. The Conferences appointed to accommodate the Differences between his Prussian Majesty and the Prince of Nassau have been open'd, and a Deputy from each Province has been appointed to assist at those Meetings. This Morning the Imperial Ministers notified in form to the States General the Death of the late Emperor.

Hague, May 19. N. S. The Elector of Mayence having Summoned, in the usual Manner, the Electors of the Empire to assemble the 17th of August, in order to proceed to the Election of an Emperor, sent afterwards a Minister to each of those Electors, exhorting them to comply with the Urgency of the Times, and consent to meet on the 17th of July, which is a Month sooner than is prescribed by the accusom'd Forms. This Exhortation is supported by so many powerful Reasons, that it is not doubted but the Princes concerned will, without any Difficulty, agree to it. Yesterday